

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The present invention maps a~~An arbitrary number of a plurality of physical devices are mapped to each logical device provided for a host as a working unit, while considering a priority given to each logical device, and with each physical device being made up of a plurality of disk devices. This arrangement allows dirty data to be quickly saved to the disk devices in the order of logical device priority in the event of a failure. Furthermore, ~~the present invention preferentially processes a~~ job(s) are preferentially processed for an important task(s) in the event of a failure to reduce deterioration of the host processing performance.